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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M. INOUE, et al
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For: PROGRAM WRITABLE IC CARD METHOD THEREOF
Group: 2132
Examiner: G. Barron, Jr.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 22, 2001

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted prior to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application filed on even date.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the first line of the specification the following:

A. -- This is a continuation of application Serial No.
08/904,137, filed July 31, 1997. --

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please cancel claims 2-19 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.~~

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.